

Please add the following new claims:

33.(New) A chip card, comprising:

a thin film battery having a solid-state electrolyte, wherein said battery is hermetically sealed within the card;
a volatile memory unit;
an external power source input for coupling to an external power source; and
a microprocessor being coupled to the external power source input and to the battery, said microprocessor trickle charging the battery when an external power source is coupled to the external power source input.

34.(New) The chip card according to claim 33, wherein said electrolyte comprises lithium phosphorous oxynitride.

35.(New) The chip card of claim 33, wherein the battery comprises a lithium anode having a layer of lithium phosphorous oxynitride thereon.

36.(New) The chip card of claim 33, wherein the microprocessor is coupled to the external power source input and to the battery, and wherein the microprocessor is adapted to trickle charge the battery when an external power source is coupled to the external power source input.

37.(New) The chip card of claim 33, wherein the battery is in electrical contact with said volatile memory unit by way of first and second conductive elements, said first and second conductive elements being of opposite polarity, wherein said volatile memory unit is encapsulated in an epoxy resin, and wherein said first and second conductive elements are also encapsulated in an epoxy resin in the vicinity of said volatile memory unit.

Please amend the claims as indicated by the marked up version of the claims set forth in EXHIBIT A. A clean version of the claims, as amended by this response, is set forth in EXHIBIT B as required by 37 CFR § 1.121.